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If You Have Made Any New New Resolutions, Stick To 'Em Till Saturday Night Anyway.

ATTEMPTS SUICIDE.

Former Great Bend Woman Attempts Suicide in Hutchinson last Week.

The following, from the Hutchinson Gazette of last Wednesday morning, is relative to a former Great Bend woman, who has been considerably in the lime light in this city at various times for several years past owing to her disregard for various and sundry phases of the law and the statutes. Her last escapade in this place was a few months ago at which time she attempted to beat up Truant Officer Thatcher at the Santa Fe depot when she was attempting to leave town with her children, contrary to an order of the probate court.

Only the fact that an insufficient amount of chloroform was used last night by Mrs. Mabel Pratt, aged 35, when she attempted to commit suicide, saves three young children from spending Christmas in sorrow much greater than that suffered by the merely poverty stricken children of the city.

Several neighbors were chatting with Mrs. Pratt at her home at 510 East Second avenue last night when she excused herself and went into an adjoining room. After some time had elapsed and she did not return, one of the women went into the room and found Mrs. Pratt lying on a bed, where she had taken chloroform.

City Physician W. F. Schoor was called and declared later the woman would live. Despondency over poverty is believed by the neighbors to have caused the act. Mrs. Pratt is the mother of three children.

TRESTER-WHITE.

Two of the popular young people of Eureka township, Mr. Albert Trester and Miss Leah White, were united in marriage at the Presbyterian Manse in this city Christmas eve, Rev. Westwood officiating. The wedding was a very quiet affair, only the immediate relatives of the couple being in attendance.

Both of these young people are well known and very highly regarded by the people of this city and community. Mr. Trester is the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Trester and is one of Barton county's progressive and prosperous young farmers and is a young man who will give a good account of himself in the world's progress. His bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas White, and is an accomplished young woman who is very popular among her many acquaintances.

They will make their home on the groom's farm in Eureka township, and the hearty good wishes of the many friends is extended to them for a long and happy wedded life.

The Misses Jennie, Ada and Edna Howell went to Macksville the first of the week for a visit of a few days with relatives and friends.

JOHN E. WAGNER BROUGHT OUT By Pawnee County Democrats For Lieutenant Governor.

Larned Tyler & Toller. An important Democratic meeting was held Tuesday evening at the business men's rooms in the Mansch block. About 20 committeemen and members of the party were present, an encouraging attendance considering the condition of the weather and the fact that campaign enthusiasm is lacking at this time of year.

Two important matters were considered, the question of trying for a place on the Democratic state ticket, and as a natural consequence, an office in the state house at Topeka—and the organization of a county Democratic Club.

By a unanimous vote it was decided that the Democratic organization and party of Pawnee county will ask for the nomination of John E. Wagner for the office of lieutenant governor. Mr. Wagner was present and stated that he would be glad to make the race for the nomination and for the election if successful at the primary, if the united party of the county is behind him. It was decided to make the formal announcement of his candidacy in the papers throughout the state, and to commence at once to perfect a campaign organization in his interest. As a starter as many local Democrats as possible were urged to attend the Democratic state banquet at Topeka January 5th.

The matter of organizing a Pawnee County Democratic Club, to include women voters as well as men, was discussed at length, and a committee composed of John E. Wagner, A. A. Doerr, H. H. Reed, J. C. McConaughay, D. A. Ely, H. M. Lawton, and Harvey Eckert was named to formulate plans, by-laws, etc., and to call a meeting at which the organization of a club will be perfected. Jas. Sweeney, L. H. Allen, Hugh Roberts, and others were proposed for the committee but declined as they lived out of town, and could not attend short-notice meetings of the committee.

Mr. Wagner's candidacy for lieutenant governor should meet with the approval and support of the people of the county regardless of politics. It would be an honor to the whole community to have one of its citizens again occupy one of the offices in the state house at Topeka, and as in the state house at Topeka.

Mr. Wagner has without exception the largest personal acquaintance over the state of any banker in Kansas, and few if any men of any calling know more people or are known by more. He has lived in the state 30 years, and in that time has resided in four different congressional districts. He lived in Leavenworth, in the First district, for 7 years, during which time he was engaged in farming. From Linwood he moved to Leocompton, in the Second district, residing there for 7 years. While at Linwood he was the Democratic can-

New Year's Day!

New Year's is a unique holiday, says John A. Schleicher, in Leslie's Weekly. It is unlike any other. It mingles a funeral and a festival. We ring out the old and we ring in the new.

We bid farewell to the decrepit old man with a scythe and shake hands with the husky chap, rosy of cheek, strong of limb, fresh in the fullness of hope and ambition, who comes to make his bow and present his credentials as "The New Year."

We say "good-bye" to the old year with all its memories and welcome the new with all its aspirations. The old reminds us of pleasant hours, painful lessons, gains and losses, lights and shades, and thus it marks another milestone in life.

The new year reminds us that life's journey must have an end and that the end is nearer than before. It is a time for sober reflection and new resolutions. It is the day that brings the children back to the old homestead to greet the white-haired father and bless the happy mother. Even the returning prodigal is sure of a welcome on New Year's day.

So let it be a festival of renewed affection, forgiveness and peace—a good day on which to set aside the little animosities, envies and jealousies that mar the daily life.

Resolve in the new year to live on higher ground in a more healthful and happier atmosphere, rejoicing in the good fortune of others even if it be denied to ourselves, realizing that while some must win and some must lose, and some must rise while others fall, all must suffer, in the end, who sin.

Make this the happiest of all New Years by believing sincerely in the fellowship of men, the virtue of women, and the goodness of God.

SCHREINER-LARSON.

Tuesday, December 23rd., was Walter Larson's birthday and to properly celebrate the occasion he was on that day united in marriage to Miss Emma Schreiner. The ceremony was quietly performed at the Gilstrap residence, Rev. Lessig, of the Christian church officiating.

The bride is the step-daughter of E. R. Ruch, and is one of the most charming young ladies of this community. The groom is an employee of the Claflin Phone, Light and Garage Co., and is a young man of sterling qualities, and during his residence in Claflin has made a friend of everybody who it has been his pleasure to meet.

Mr. and Mrs. Larson left Wednesday morning for McPherson where they will visit with his relatives and from there will go to Enterprise for a visit with her relatives, and will be gone until after the holidays. The Charlon joins with the many friends in extending best wishes for their future welfare and happiness. Claflin Charlon.

ROBINSON-MOORMAN.

A marriage license was secured the first of the week by Dr. Homer B. Robinson, of Ellinwood, and Miss Bessie Moorman, of Burr Oak, Kansas, and the couple were united in marriage yesterday, New Year Day, at the home of the bride's parents in Burr Oak.

Dr. Robinson has been engaged in the practice of dentistry in Ellinwood for a number of years, and is one of the leading men of his profession in this part of the state. He is a brother of Dr. John H. Robinson and Mrs. F. G. Smith of this city, and one of the best known and most popular young men of the community.

His bride was formerly in charge of the Domestic Science and Art Department in the Ellinwood schools, and is well known to many of our people and a young woman who is very highly esteemed by all her acquaintances.

The Democrat joins with the many friends in extending congratulations and best wishes.

Dick Bosse, of Ellinwood and Elmer Brodie, of Wichita, who with his family has been spending the holidays at the Bosse home, were up Saturday on a business trip and for a visit with relatives and friends.

WOE, WOE IS ME.

Local B-Moosers Who Would Like Office Not Optimistic Over Outlook.

Local B-Moosers, that is the office seeking kind and not the ones who are following the terrible Teddy because they really believe in the principles he advocates, have been "viewing with alarm" the recent political occurrences, and more especially this action of the Progressives at the big meeting held in Hutchinson on Monday of this week, and where it was practically decided that there would be straight Progressive tickets put out in about all of the counties of the district, and that the offshoot of the Republican party intended to entirely divorce itself from the parent body and "go 'er alone."

And as a result of this action and other signs of the "handwriting on the wall" there is a heap of consternation in the local camp of the office seeking B-Moosers. Not many months ago when it looked to some as though the Moosers would have the Republican party devoured bodily by this time, and that all that would be left of the parent body would be the privilege gratuitously afforded to them of voting for Moose office seekers, the B-Moosers were of one accord loud in their cries that no compromise would be asked or given and that they were fighting for principle and not for the reward of holding office. And it sounded mighty "pet-riotic and looked fine in big black letters right up at the top of the column adorning pure reading matter. And a part of the Progressives were entirely sincere in the matter as evidenced by the Hutchinson meeting.

But the Republican party refused to die according to the schedule set down by the B-Moosers, and they have likewise refused to be absorbed or join the new party, and now the small fry among the Progressive ranks, the fellows who for hope of office or other reward, who have been straddling the fence while in their hearts they have been in sympathy with the new party, are now beginning to "renig" on their position, and are claiming that they have never left the Republicans and that they are ready to join them in presenting a united front that the common enemy, the Democrats, may be completely annihilated at the polls next November.

Gone are the flowery articles telling of the glory of fighting for principle, and of being led to the slaughter, if need be, solely for the sake of righteousness and chastity in politics and in its place has come the wall of the hungry office seeker, who for the sake of the mere chance of reward is ready to forget all of the indignities which it has been loudly proclaimed have been heaped upon the Teddy followers by the Republican leaders.

The real leaders of the third party are sincere in their views, but it is the little fellows down at the bottom of the political scrap-heap who are going to keep them from ever putting their principles into laws. The small fry are willing that the Progressives should put out a national ticket, and they would not balk a great deal on a state ticket being put in the field, but when the fellows who are willing to sacrifice by filling the places on these tickets ask that the work go all along down the line, and straight county tickets also be nominated, it is getting a little too close to home to suit the little fellow, and he promptly forgets the high sounding principles he has been advocating and hunts for cover under the guise of "party good."

He is perfectly willing that the other fellow should make the sacrifice, but when he is asked to put the shoe on his own foot his horns very promptly begin to hurt.

And there has been evidence in plenty that there is a whole lot of horns among the B-Moosers in this county.

DEMOCRATIC BANQUET.

From present indications Barton county will be well represented at the big Democratic banquet held in Topeka next Monday evening. So far about a dozen of the Democratic workers of this city have signified their intention of attending and several will go from other parts of the county. Hon. Wm. J. Bryan will be the guest of honor, and there will be other speakers of national and state reputation.

Mrs. H. E. Lindas returned Friday from a Christmas visit at Larned.

OSCAR MAUPIN INSANE.

South Side Farmer Becomes Violently Insane—Is Taken to Asylum.

Oscar Maupin, one of the well known young farmers of Comanche township, went violently insane last week, and was finally brought here for safe keeping, later being adjudged insane and was taken to the asylum at Topeka.

For several weeks the neighbors of Maupin have been of the opinion he was losing his mind, on account of his peculiar actions and have been of the opinion that something should be done, but all had hated to interfere in the matter. Last Wednesday morning he went to the home of Harvey Fletcher, and finding Mr. Fletcher alone, proceeded to give him what he termed was an initiation to rid him of rheumatism with which he has been a cripple for years, being practically helpless, and it was only from the fact that Mrs. Fletcher and a man named Noble, who works for Fletcher happened to come in and rescue him that probably saved him from serious injury.

His mind seems to be affected on account of religion and he said that he was merely trying to rub the cramp out of Fletcher's limbs which the devil had put there and that the devil was responsible for his crippled condition and that he could cure him. He is especially opposed to the use of whiskey or tobacco and stated that a man was sure to go to hell if he used either of these.

When tried before the probate court he discoursed at length on various subjects, going from one subject to another in a rambling manner and clearly demonstrating that he was in anything but a sound frame of mind, but attempting no violence, but after being placed in a cell became very violent and broke up about everything there was that was breakable, even twisting off the water pipes and flooding the cell, and put on a show that will be remembered by the sheriff and his deputy for some time. He tore the water pipes loose from their fastenings and with these as a pry tore off the locks in the steel bar shutter on the inside of the window, and then broke out the glass and tore the frame to pieces, and attempted to bulge the bars of the window. He tore the heavy canvas and leather cot to bits as though it was paper, and treated his bed clothes in like manner.

He was finally placed in one of the steel cages and gave no further trouble, and also gave no the slightest bother when being taken to the asylum. His father came out from Missouri on hearing of his son's affliction and told Sheriff Brown that the young man had had a similar attack about seven years ago and had been confined in an asylum for some time. Maupin has been a resident of the south side for five or six years and has a wife and one small child. He is a man well liked by all who know him, and it is to be hoped that his affliction is only of a temporary nature.

TO INSPECT THE BRIDGE.

An adjourned session of the board of county commissioners will be held Saturday at which time State Engineer Gearhart will be present and it is probable that the new river bridge will be accepted by the commissioners. It was talked that the opening of the bridge would be attended by some sort of special dedicatory exercises, but owing to the weather this has been postponed for the present at least.

THE NEW THEATRE.

The new Echo Theatre opened its doors to the public last Wednesday evening for the first time and the proprietors were greeted by a crowded house, as has been the case every night since. The films shown by the Echo proprietors are the very latest and best procurable, and the orchestra music is exceptionally good, and you will find this a delightful place to spend an evening.

HUNT BUYS ANOTHER STORE.

The Eling Store, at Spearville was last week purchased by Geo. O. Hunt, proprietor of the Hunt Department Store, in this city, and the new proprietors took immediate charge of the business. The Eling store is one of the big establishments of the western part of the state and enjoys an extensive patronage, and will without doubt prove to be one of the most profitable of the Hunt chain of stores.

AFTERMATH



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